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University of Colorado *at Boulder*



Department of Anthropology
Exploring Cultures and Civilizations, Unlocking Secrets



Bridging Past, Present, and Future

By studying anthropology, we learn how people lived in the past and contend with modern life under diverse conditions—revealing connections and contrasts between cultures, as well as vital discoveries about the human self.

Based in the historic halls of the Hale Science Building but drawing from locales around the American West and throughout the world, the Anthropology department at the University of Colorado at Boulder has an outstanding opportunity to increase its impact in teaching and research. Your support can help make this happen.

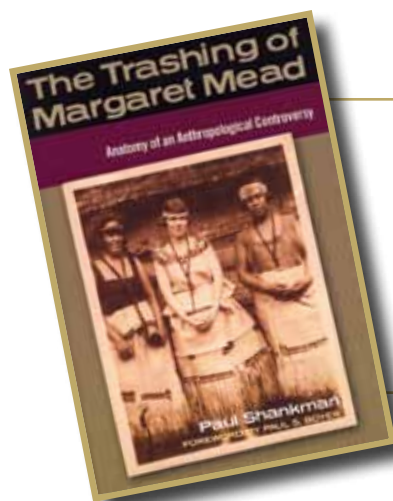
The Anthropology Department at CU-Boulder is

- **One of America's largest anthropology departments**, with 450 undergraduates and 60 graduate students
- **Divided into three subfields:** archaeology, cultural anthropology, and biological anthropology
- **Renowned for outstanding teaching** ranging from freshman survey courses to advanced seminars
- **Especially strong in regional niches** including prehistory of the American Southwest and Mesoamerica, and contemporary cultures of Latin America, Africa, and Asia
- **Generating influential research on varied topics** ranging from Paleo-Indian tool production on the Great Plains, to ecological adaptation of lemurs in Madagascar, to expressions of Islamic identity in Indonesia and Sri Lanka, to name but a few examples
- **Providing students with varied educational experiences and opportunities** in the classroom and in field-school programs
- **Preparing graduates for diverse careers** as educators and researchers in anthropology-related fields and for work in social service, nongovernmental organizations, teaching, and other careers that require nuanced understanding of human behavior



Paleonutritional Clues to Our Evolutionary Past

A novel method developed by CU-Boulder anthropology professor **Matt Sponheimer** for determining the diets of prehistoric animals and our early proto-hominid kin—using lasers to analyze the teeth of fossils—is revealing new clues to habitat and movement patterns of prehistoric species, unlocking some of the mysteries of primate evolution. This innovative approach, funded by the National Science Foundation, received widespread media attention in 2008.



Setting the Record Straight

Was the Samoan research of legendary anthropologist Margaret Mead unfairly maligned by anthropologist Derek Freeman? A recent book by CU-Boulder anthropology professor **Paul Shankman**, *The Trashing of Margaret Mead*, makes a persuasive case in her defense that, according to a noted academic in the field, “essentially lays the Mead-Freeman controversy to rest.”

A Vision for a Stronger Department

We're ideally positioned to enhance our teaching of anthropology at the University of Colorado. We aim to:

- **Provide more field experiences** for undergraduates and graduate students, throughout the region and internationally
- **Recruit and retain the best graduate students** by providing competitive fellowship packages to new admits
- **Graduate PhD students more quickly** by providing support that helps them to focus and accelerate their dissertation work
- **Reduce class sizes** to improve student access to faculty mentorship and ideas

You Can Support

Students: Increasing graduate fellowships is the department's top priority. We compete for students with the strongest universities in the U.S., who can offer full-tuition, multiyear fellowships that far exceed our limited funding resources at CU-Boulder. While we offer some teaching assistantships, we cannot offer them to all graduate students, and they come with significant

workloads that can detract from independent fieldwork and research.

We have high demand from out-of-state students for our unparalleled offerings in numerous specialties. We seek to endow nine nonresident **graduate fellowships**—three each in archaeology, biological anthropology, and cultural anthropology—to bring more outstanding anthropology students to CU-Boulder. We also are pursuing part-time **research assistantships** to enable top-echelon graduate students to move more quickly through their seminars without taking on external jobs unrelated to their area of study.

And **scholarships** can motivate undergraduates by providing research opportunities early in their academic careers, and enabling students from a range of economic circumstances to study at CU-Boulder.

Faculty: Our program would be nothing without the top-notch faculty who provide classroom and research leadership, and are themselves magnets for high-achieving students. **Endowed chairs** in each of the department's anthropology subfields can support outstanding teaching and research at CU-Boulder in perpetuity, provide a prestigious honor for accomplished faculty, and leave a personal or professional legacy for the donor. And **endowed visiting professorships** can bring international talent and new perspectives to our students.



After **Thomas Lennon '82** completed masters and doctorate study at CU-Boulder, he took a leadership role in Western Cultural Resource Management, a Boulder firm that provides consulting services in archaeology, history, and Native American issues. In addition to endowing an annual lecture series for the department, he has provided financial support for several students within the department.





The Goldstein Altman Graduate Research Awards support graduate field research in cultural anthropology. “CU-Boulder’s Department of Anthropology was instrumental in developing my intense appreciation of education and shaping my larger world view,” says donor **Gregg Goldstein ’94**. “As a graduate student, I saw the difficulty in securing funding for pre-dissertation research, especially for those who needed fieldwork to fully develop their dissertation proposal. This awards program perfectly matches my vision.”

To learn about the many ways you can make a gift:

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Longtime Denver resident **Charles Joseph Norton ’64** was a chemist fascinated with the CU Museum of Natural History and its American Indian artifacts—his own art collection included a series of Apache war bonnets. Because of his passion for Native American research, he willed \$1 million to benefit the Department of Anthropology. Those funds, which have nearly doubled since the endowment’s establishment, support a broad range of departmental needs—demonstrating how even those outside the field discover life-changing connections through anthropology.



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Research: Anthropology often requires the study of communities and cultures in distant or remote areas, and the best way to learn about them is through direct ethnographic experience. For students and faculty alike, travel expenses make it possible to conduct research in remote parts of the world. **Donor funding for field research and publication** will support timely or exploratory projects often beyond the purview of grant funding, increase our presence and visibility at important research conferences to keep up with new developments in anthropology, and accelerate the pace at which CU-Boulder anthropology scholars generate and disseminate new ideas.

CU Foundation development officers can work with you to discuss a range of giving opportunities, and help match our strategic priorities with your own.

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